

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-4 (Cancel).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A water and oil repellent composition ~~according to Claim 4, wherein the~~ comprising:

polymer (A) ~~is a polymer~~ comprising polymerized units of a (meth)acrylate having a polyfluoroalkyl group and

(B) a fluorine-containing compound of the following formula 1:



wherein each of R^{f1} and R^{f2} which are independent of each other, is a C₂₋₂₂ polyfluoroalkyl group;

R¹ is a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₁₀ alkyl group; and

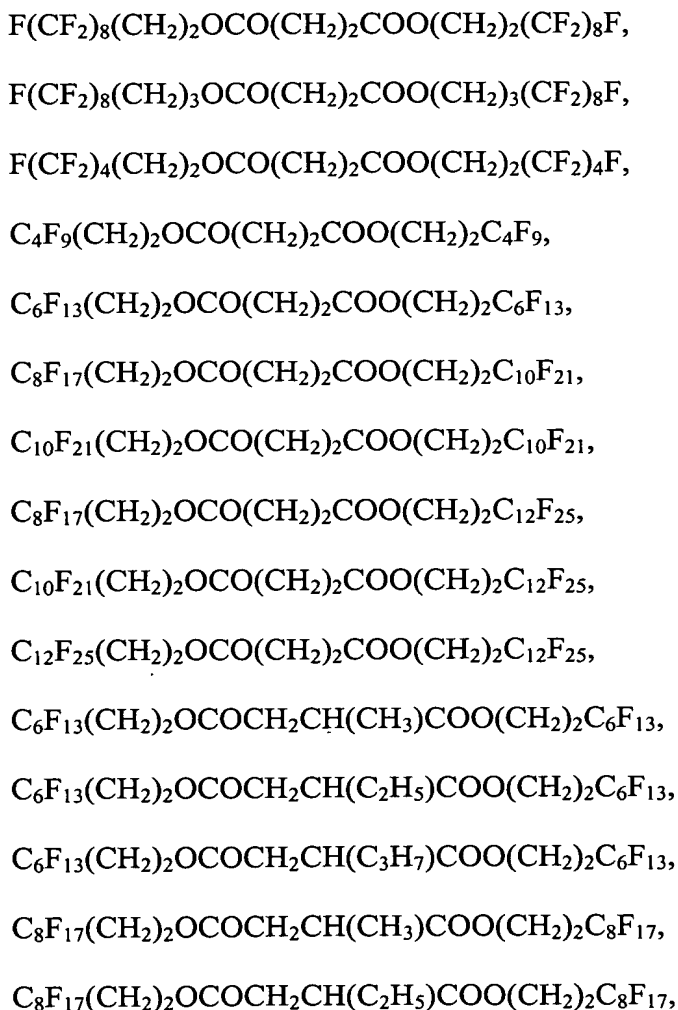
each of R² and R³ which are independent of each other, is a C₁₋₄ alkylene group or -R⁴-NR⁵-SO₂-, wherein R⁴ is a C₁₋₄ alkylene group, and R⁵ is a C₁₋₄ alkyl group.

Claim 6 (Original): The water and oil repellant composition according to Claim 5, wherein the polymer (A) is a polymer comprising polymerized units of an alkyl (meth)acrylate wherein the alkyl moiety has a carbon number of from 1 to 20.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method for fiber treatment comprising contacting a fiber with a ~~The~~ water and oil repellent composition according to Claim ~~5~~ 4, ~~which is useful for fiber treatment.~~

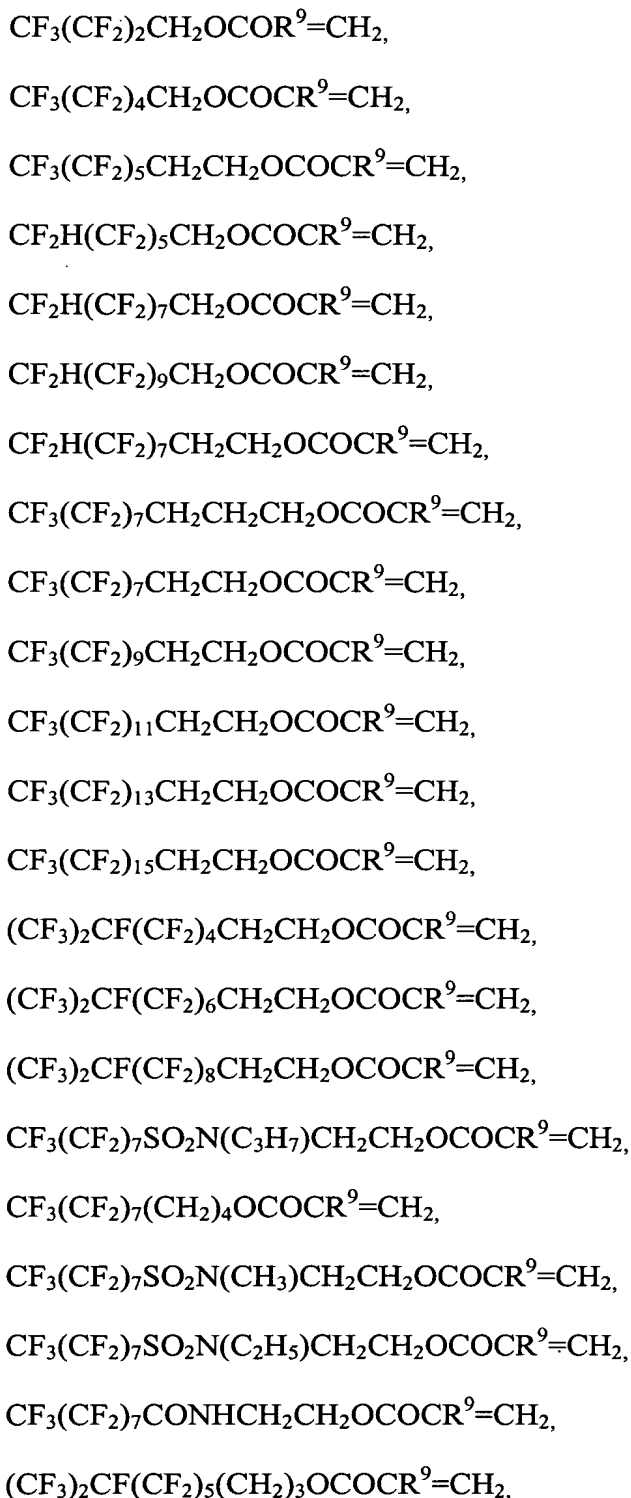
Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The ~~fluorine-containing compound according to Claim 1~~ water and oil repellant composition according to Claim 5, wherein in (B) R^{fl} and R^{f2} are each independently selected from the group consisting of $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_2^-$, $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_3^-$, $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_4^-$, $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_5^-$, $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_6^-$, $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_8^-$, $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_9^-$, $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_{10}^-$, $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_{12}^-$, $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_{13}^-$, $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_{14}^-$, $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_{16}^-$, $\text{H}(\text{CF}_2)_8^-$, $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CF}(\text{CF}_2)_6^-$, $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CF}(\text{CF}_2)_8^-$, $\text{Cl}(\text{CF}_2)_8^-$, $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_3\text{OCF}(\text{CF}_3)^-$, $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_2(\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}(\text{CF}_3))_2^-$ and $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_3\text{OCF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{O}(\text{CF}_2)_2^-$.

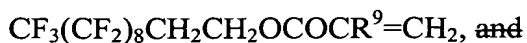
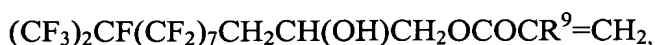
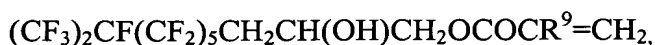
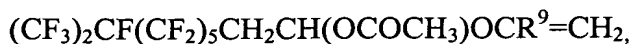
Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The ~~fluorine-containing compound according to Claim 1, which~~ water and oil repellant composition according to Claim 5, wherein (B) is selected from the group consisting of



$C_8F_{17}(CH_2)_2OCOCH_2CH(C_3H_7)COO(CH_2)_2C_8F_{17}$,
 $C_{10}F_{21}(CH_2)_2OCOCH_2CH(CH_3)COO(CH_2)_2C_{10}F_{21}$,
 $C_{10}F_{21}(CH_2)_2OCOCH_2CH(C_2H_5)COO(CH_2)_2C_{10}F_{21}$,
 $C_{10}F_{21}(CH_2)_2OCOCH_2CH(C_3H_7)COO(CH_2)_2C_{10}F_{21}$,
 $C_{12}F_{25}(CH_2)_2OCOCH_2CH(CH_3)COO(CH_2)_2C_{12}F_{25}$,
 $C_6F_{13}SO_2N(CH_3)(CH_2)_2OCO(CH_2)_2COO(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)SO_2C_6F_{13}$,
 $C_6F_{13}SO_2N(C_2H_5)(CH_2)_2OCO(CH_2)_2COO(CH_2)_2N(C_2H_5)SO_2C_6F_{13}$,
 $C_8F_{17}SO_2N(CH_3)(CH_2)_2OCO(CH_2)_2COO(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)SO_2C_8F_{17}$,
 $C_8F_{17}SO_2N(C_2H_5)(CH_2)_2OCO(CH_2)_2COO(CH_2)_2N(C_2H_5)SO_2C_8F_{17}$,
 $C_8F_{17}SO_2N(C_3H_7)(CH_2)_2OCO(CH_2)_2COO(CH_2)_2N(C_3H_7)SO_2C_8F_{17}$,
 $C_8F_{17}SO_2N(CH_3)(CH_2)_2OCO(CH_2)_2COO(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)SO_2C_{10}F_{21}$,
 $C_8F_{17}SO_2N(C_2H_5)(CH_2)_2OCO(CH_2)_2COO(CH_2)_2N(C_2H_5)SO_2C_{10}F_{21}$,
 $C_8F_{17}SO_2N(C_3H_7)(CH_2)_2OCO(CH_2)_2COO(CH_2)_2N(C_3H_7)SO_2C_{10}F_{21}$,
 $C_{10}F_{21}SO_2N(CH_3)(CH_2)_2OCO(CH_2)_2COO(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)SO_2C_{10}F_{21}$,
 $C_{10}F_{21}SO_2N(C_2H_5)(CH_2)_2OCO(CH_2)_2COO(CH_2)_2N(C_2H_5)SO_2C_{10}F_{21}$,
 $C_{10}F_{21}SO_2N(C_3H_7)(CH_2)_2OCO(CH_2)_2COO(CH_2)_2N(C_3H_7)SO_2C_{10}F_{21}$,
 $C_6F_{13}SO_2N(C_2H_5)(CH_2)_2OCOCH_2CH(CH_3)COO(CH_2)_2N(C_2H_5)SO_2C_6F_{13}$,
 $C_8F_{17}SO_2(C_2H_5)(CH_2)_2OCOCH_2CH(CH_3)COO(CH_2)_2N(C_2H_5)SO_2C_8F_{17}$,
 $C_8F_{17}SO_2N(C_2H_5)(CH_2)_2OCOCH_2CH(C_2H_5)COO(CH_2)_2N(C_2H_5)SO_2C_8F_{17}$,
 $C_8F_{17}SO_2N(C_2H_5)(CH_2)_2OCOCH_2CH(C_3H_7)COO(CH_2)_2N(C_2H_5)SO_2C_8F_{17}$, **and**
 $C_{10}F_{21}SO_2N(CH_3)(CH_2)_2OCOCH_2CH(CH_2)_2COO(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)SO_2C_{10}F_{21}$, and
mixtures thereof.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The water and oil repellant composition according to Claim 5, wherein said (meth)acrylate containing a polyfluoroalkyl group is selected from the group consisting of





Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method of imparting dry soil resistance to a material, which comprises treating a surface of said material with an effective amount of the water and oil repellant composition of Claim [[4]] 5 to impart dry soil resistance thereto.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A method of imparting water and oil resistance to a material, which comprises treating a surface of said material with an effective amount of the water and oil repellant composition of Claim [[4]] 5 to impart water and oil resistance thereto.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claim 5 has been rewritten to be in independent form.

Claim 7 has been amended in a manner so as to obviate its rejection under 35 U.S.C.

§ 112.

Claims 8, 9, 11 and 12 have been amended to depend on Claim 5, also correcting their indefiniteness.